Allocation of finance to Sardar Sarover and Narmada Saga$_r$ Dams

2132. DR. BAPU KALDATE; Will the Minister of PLANNING b$_e$ pleased to state:

(a) whether th$_e$ Planning Commission have integrated approach to the Sardar Sarovar Dam and Narmada Sagar Dam i$_n$ allocating finance$_s$ to these two projects;

(b) if so, whether th$_e$ Planning Commission have taken th$_e$ view$_s$ of th$_e$ World Bank in this regard;

(c) if sq, what are the detailg there to; and

(d) what has bee$_n$ the final decision/recommendation$_s$ in clearing these two projects?

THE MINISTER OF PLANNING AND THE MINISTER OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI); (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The World Bank Group has committed a IBRD (International Bank for Reconstruction and Development) loan of Us $ 200 million plus IDA (International Development Association) credit of SDR$_S$ (Special Drawing Rights) 249.20 million for the Sardar Sarovar Project. Narmada Sagar project is in the pipeline for World Bank assistance and no decision has yet he$_{en}$ taken on the quantum of financial assistance to b$_e$ given by the Bank.

(d) Planning Commission has accorded investment clearance on 5.10. 1988 to the Sardar Sarovar Project *or its estimated cost o* Rs. 6406.04 crores. As regards to Narmada Sagar Dam investment clearance i$_s$ still to b$_e$ accorded by the Planning Commission.

Purchase of defence equipment from foreign companies

2133. SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY; Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state;

(a) whether Government have evolved a scheme to do away with the middlemen (Local agents) in purchase of defence equipment from foreign companies;

(b) if so, what are the details the'reof;

(c) since when this scheme was introduced;

(d) whether any local agents were engaged in the purchase of M. 15 guns from M/s. Bofors of Sweden; and

Ce) if so, what 3re their name?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRl K. C. PANT); (a) to (c) Consolidated instruc-ions have been issued by the Ministry of Finance, Department of Expenditure, on the 31st January, 1989, which comprehensively lay down Government's policy regarding th$_e$ role of Indian agents. The Ministry of Defence shall be shortly issuing supplementary Instructions.

(d) There has been no acquisition by Government of M-l 5 guns from M/s. Bofors of Sweden.

(e) Does not arise.

Explanation sought from Bofors regarding payments in Howitzer Gon deal

2134. SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY; Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state;

Ca) whether Government have sought explanation from M/s. Bofors Company on the basis of the information which appeared in the 'Hindu' recently;